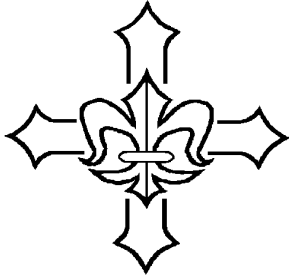


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 4th May 2008

Easter 7

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

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Readers

Robert Caroe & Trevor Weedon

Readings

Acts Ch 1 vv 6-14 & 1 Peter Ch 4 vv 12-14; 5: vv 6-11

Gospel

John Ch 17 vv 1-11

Intercessions

Jean Morgan

Hymns

271, 443, 345, 352

Communion

302, 378

Sung Evensong

David Busk

Hymns

342, 338, 134

Psalm

47

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Street Prayer Mission: Bascraft Way, Mowlands, Lions Cross, Dovehouse Close

Charity of the month: Tear Fund

Holy Communion. All are welcome at the altar rail. If you are a communicant member of your own Church, you are welcome to receive the Sacrament here. Or if you would like to receive a Blessing, please come forward with a hymn book, kneel at the rail and bow your head.

Notices

Christian Aid Week 11th – 17th May 2008

Christian Aid Week appears to be even more important this year as we hear about food emergencies in addition to the needs for fresh water. Christian Aid Week collectors raise an average of £33.50 each. This is enough for 67 more people to get the water they need! If you could help by being a collector please contact Trevor Weedon (413264).

Christian Aid Quiz Night -Thursday 15th May

This will be held in the Church Hall starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £4 each are available from Trevor Weedon and Peter Irving. With refreshments and a raffle, this promises to be a very enjoyable evening for an extremely worthwhile cause. We hope that many of our Church Groups will be able to form teams of about six members each and with eight or ten teams we shall have an exciting and competitive night. Please come.

Trevor Weedon (413264)

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Tuesday 6th May at 2.00pm in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall. At this meeting Ros Wright will give a talk entitled 'Beads of Prayer'.

There will be a coffee morning at the home of Jean Morgan, 2A Earning Street, on Tuesday 13th May from 10.30 to 11.30am. There will be a Bring and Buy sale and a raffle so do please come and bring your friends. All are very welcome.

If you need a lift to either of these events please contact Megan Macdiarmid (437278) or Jean Morgan (417502).

The Gideons

A final reminder that at the Men's Social Group on Tuesday 6th May the speaker will be Trevor Weedon who will talk on the work of The Gideons. The evening will include a DVD presentation. This is an interesting topic that may appeal to a wider audience, including the ladies, so please feel free to join us if you would like to learn more. 7.30pm Church Hall.

WEA Godmanchester

A six-week course on Medieval Cathedrals and Abbeys (tutor Lynne Broughton) is to begin on Thursday 8th May 2008 in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall, from 10.15 to 11.45am. The cathedrals and abbeys of medieval England were built to the glory of God as a focus of Christian devotion. This course will show that since the 16th century they have suffered different fates. Coffee will be served. Full fee £24, discounted fee £22.

Mary Fawcett (458383)

Ely Choirs' Festival – 17th May

On Saturday 17th May the annual Choirs' Festival will be held in Ely Cathedral, starting at 5.30pm. As usual, our choir will be taking part and they hope that members of our congregation will be able to attend to give their support. The service, which is based on the theme 'The King of Love my Shepherd is', has been compiled by the Reverend Ally Barrett and contains a variety of splendid music. This is an event not to be missed!!

Spring BBQ - Sunday 18th May

Adults £5.00 children £2.50. Bring your own wine or other liquid refreshment. Donations for the usual raffle will be most welcome.

Tickets available from Val Pithey (454851)

Godmanchester in Bloom

With the preparations for the new front garden competition, for ALL the houses in the Town, about to get underway we have a new leaflet for everyone. We would be very grateful if you could put leaflets through the doors near you during the coming week. Please contact us to help.

Peter Irving and John Thackray (457722)

From May to September

Once again, the church will be open on Sunday afternoons during the summer. Many thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to be in church to welcome visitors between 2.00pm and 5.00pm on the appropriate dates. Slots are for one, two or three hours. You choose. The rota for May is on the noticeboard at the back of the church. If you are not included but would like to join the team, please phone Liz Irving (382144).

St Anne`s Primary School

Following the school's success in previous years in THE ROTARY YOUNG MUSICIAN competition, this year was no exception when they attended the Rotary District Finals at Melton Mowbray last Sunday. This year there were four different category entries from the school. The Recorder Ensemble succeeded in being placed best in the category with the Choir and Vocal Quartet each being placed runners up in their respective categories. Eleanor Owers, being youngest in her category and who played solo recorder was placed second. Congratulations once again to the superb music tradition of this school and to Anthea Kenna, Heather Moger, staff, pupils and parents.

Paul Wells, Rotary Club of Huntingdon

Newsletter Compiler

Pam Ayres is newsletter compiler during April and May pamtimayres@talktalk.net (436395). All contributions would be appreciated by 6.30pm Thursday.

Global Day of Prayer

When?

**2.00pm – 3.00pm
Sunday 11th May 2008**

Where?

**Huntingdon - Ring Road
(foot path, please).
The aim is to make a chain
of prayer around
Huntingdon.**

Who?

Who-so-ever-will.

Why?

**Prayer. For Huntingdon, the
surrounding villages, the
Nation, and the World.**

**For more information ring
Angie Small
(01480 435729)**

DIARY

Sunday 4th May

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*
18:45 *Youth Group – Chill Out (38 London Road)*

Monday 5th May

NO Stepping Stones

Tuesday 6th May

- 14:00 *Mothers' Union (Queen Elizabeth School)*
19:30 *Men's Social Group (Church Hall)*

Wednesday 7th May

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)*

Thursday 8th May

- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*
19:30 *Healing Service Meeting (Vicarage)*

Friday 9th May

- 19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

Saturday 10th May

- 14:00 *Wedding - Robert GREEN and Bibian SEARLE*

Sunday 11th May *Pentecost Christian Aid Week*

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
11:30 *Grassroots with Baptism*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*
18:45 *Youth Group – Parish Praise preparation (Church Hall)*

Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the morning Eucharist. Everyone is welcome

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